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SUBJ: CONCLUDING ROUNDUP ON WEST BERLIN VISIT OF EC
PRESIDENT JENKINS

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1. FOLLOWING THE EVENTS COVERED IN REFTEL A, JENKINS
HELD APRIL 14 PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE EXPRESSED
OPTIMISM WITH REGARD TO BERLIN'S ECONOMIC FUTURE, NOTING
SEVERAL INDICATIONS THAT THE CITY'S ECONOMY WAS
RECOVERING. HE PROMISED THAT THE EC WOULD MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE CITY FROM
COMMUNITY, REGIONAL AND SOCIAL FUNDS AND FROM THE
EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK. JENKINS ALSO PROMISED TO
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REVIEW WITH A FAVORABLE EYE THE S*NAT'S APPLICATION TO
HAVE ADDITIONAL (UNSPECIFIED) EC OFFICES OPENED IN BERLIN
BEYOND THE EXISTING EC PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE
AND EC VOCATIONAL CENTER.

2. JENKINS EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT BERLIN'S FOREIGN
TRADE WOULD BE STRENGTHENED WHEN THE EC IS ABLE TO
CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH CEMA ESTABLISHING GENERAL

PROVISIONS FOR TRADE BETWEEN EC AND CEMA MEMBERS. BERLIN AS A "NATURAL" PART OF THE EC WILL BE GIVEN AN APPROPRIATE POSITION. JENKINS CAUTIONED HOWEVER AGAINST UNNECESSARILY PROVOKING THE USSR THROUGH SUCH AN AGREEMENT, NOTING THAT A SOLUTION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ALONG THE LINES OF THE TREATY WITH THE PRC UNDER WHICH WEST BERLIN WAS INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT UNDER THE TERRITORY CLAUSE.

3. REF B COVERED JENKINS' MEETING WITH SECRETARY KREPS.

4. AT CEREMONY DURING WHICH JENKINS SIGNED BERLIN'S GOLDEN BOOK, GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE NOTED THAT NO OTHER CITY WITHIN EC DEPENDED ON THE ORGANIZATION TO THE EXTENT THAT BERLIN DID. STOBBE REITERATED HIS CERTAINTY THAT BERLIN WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SOLID SUPPORT FROM THE EC AND ALL OF ITS MEMBERS. STOBBE COMMENTED THAT THE RECENT EC SUMMIT IN COPENHAGEN HAD SET THE DATES FOR THE FIRST DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, AND VOICED THE HOPE THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES CHOSEN THROUGHOUT EUROPE WOULD BE ABLE TO SET DOWN GUIDELINES WHICH WOULD LEAD TOWARDS DECISION-MAKING THAT WAS BASED ON CONSIDERATIONS FOR ALL THE MEMBER STATES (I.E., WESTERN EUROPE AS A WHOLE), NOT PURELY ON NATIONAL INTERESTS. STOBBE FURTHER NOTED
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THAT JENKINS' VISIT TO BERLIN SHOWED THAT THE EC THROUGH ITS COMMISSION PRESIDENT REGARDED BERLIN AS AN AREA TO WHICH THE TREATY OF ROME APPLIED; HE ADDED THAT "BERLIN HAS ITS PLACE IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY" AND COMMENTED "THAT THE SPECIAL SITUATION OF BERLIN HAS CONSEQUENCES (AUSWIRKUNGEN) FOR ALL THE MEMBER STATES."

5. STOBBE NOTED THAT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND CEMA BELONGED TO THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND OBSERVED THAT BERLIN WAS OBVIOUSLY A FACTOR IN THESE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES.

6. COMMENT: OUR CONTACTS IN THE SENAT ASSERT THAT GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE AND OTHER BERLIN OFFICIALS ARE EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF JENKINS' VISIT AND BELIEVE THAT HIS COMMENTS BOTH PUBLICLY AND IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS REVEALED A DEPTH OF COMMITMENT TO MAINTENANCE OF BERLIN'S STATUS AND VITALITY WHICH THEY HAD NOT FULLY ANTICIPATED. END COMMENT. GEORGE

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